

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 617  
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend J. Ronnie Greer for  
laudable service to the people of Tennessee and  
his nomination to the United States District Court  
Judgeship for East Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those  
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community  
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is former State Senator J. Ronnie Greer of  
Greeneville, who has been nominated by President George W. Bush to fill the United States  
District Court Judgeship for East Tennessee to succeed U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Hull;  
and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean born in Mountain City, Ronnie is a graduate of East  
Tennessee State University and received his legal degree from the University of Tennessee; he  
served as a special assistant to then-Governor Lamar Alexander in 1980 and 1981; and

WHEREAS, a very capable legislator, former Senator Greer served in the Tennessee  
State Senate in the 94th through the 98th General Assemblies, and is remembered by many as  
the Chairman of the Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee in which capacity he

was recognized as "Legislator of the Year" by the Tennessee Conservation League in 1994;  
and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Mr. Greer is a very prominent attorney and member of the Greene County Bar Association and the Tennessee Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work in the legal profession, Ronnie Greer is an active member of the Greeneville-Greene County Chamber of Commerce and the Greeneville Exchange Club; and

WHEREAS, facing no opposition, J. Ronnie Greer recently completed his confirmation hearing before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee supported by both of Tennessee's United States Senators, Bill Frist and Lamar Alexander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greer epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, J. Ronnie Greer is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Bunny; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Greer for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend J. Ronnie Greer for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.